



Newsletter Newsletter



March 2017

Teaching and Learning

Welcome back, we hope that you enjoyed your February half term break. As always the planning is displayed outside each of the three Nursery classrooms. You can also find copies on our website. This will explain to you what activities we are doing and how this supports your child's learning. Teachers plan 'adult focused' activities for small groups and individuals to support particular learning outcomes. Practitioners work in partnership with children, skillfully and sensitively interacting to support and develop their learning. We also have copies of the rhyme of the week for you to take home and enjoy with your child. Please feel free to contribute to your child's Record of Achievement - please let us know what you have been doing at home - photographs and mementos are welcome.

Nursery 1 - have a theme of animals. They will explore different types of animals such as pets, farm animals and wild animals. A vets role play has been set up and there may even be a visiting pet.

Nursery 2 - are looking at travel and journeys. This will be supported through books such as 'Duck in the truck', 'Mr Gumpy's outing' and 'On the way home'. There will also be lots of imaginary journeys happening inside and out.

Nursery 3 - are looking at places and journeys. Children will be encouraged to investigate other places in this country, and worldwide to compare and contrast landscapes and environments thinking about journeys and how to travel far and wide.

Consultations for parents/carers of all children will be available over the coming weeks. A timetable will be placed outside each classroom for you to select the time that is most convenient for you. For your records, the available dates are below:

Nursery 1	Monday 20 th March	3.30 - 4.45
Richelle	Monday 27 th March	3.30 - 4.45
	Tuesday 4 th April	9.00 - 3.15
Nursery 2	Monday 20 th March	4.00 - 5.00
Ian	Monday 27 th March	4.00 - 5.00
	Wednesday 5 th April	9.15 - 11.15
Nursery 2	Monday 20 th March	3.30 - 4.45
Jayne	Monday 27 th March	3.30 - 4.45
	Wednesday 5 th April	12.30 - 3.00
Nursery 3	Monday 20 th March	3.30 - 4.45
Jan	Monday 27 th March	3.30 - 4.45
	Monday 3 rd April	9.00 - 3.15

If you are unable to make any of the dates offered, please speak to the class teacher who will attempt to offer another time. This is an invaluable opportunity to share your child's Record of Achievement whilst also celebrating the progress that your child has made during their time with us.

30 hours for September 2017

From September 2017 all eligible families will be entitled to 30 hours childcare. Hirst Wood is delighted to be one of the few settings in the area who will be offering this fantastic opportunity. The provision will be available from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and to 5.30 p.m. on Friday. Our aim is to be as flexible as possible. Please fill in the questionnaire about whether you think you will be eligible and also tell your friends about this!!

Eligibility Criteria for September 2017 are:

- A. Families where both parents are working
- B. Family where the sole parent is working in a lone parent family,

Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage (NMW) or National Living Wage (NLW), and less than £100,000 per year. Working will include employed and self-employed persons. Parents do not necessarily need to actually work 16 hours a week, but rather their earnings must reflect at least 16 hours of work at NMW or NLW, which is £107 a week at the current NMW rate. This includes those parents on zero contract hours who meet the criteria.

- both parents are employed but one or both parents temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity or paternity leave;
- both parents are employed but one or both parents temporarily away from the workplace on adoption leave;
- both parents are employed but one or both parents temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay;
- one parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring; or
- one parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.



In order to keep all children safe we would ask that you do not bring any medicines or snacks into school. There have been incidences where these have been left inside bags in the cloakroom which children could potentially have access to. May we also remind you as part of our E Safety Policy we would request that you do not use mobile telephones inside the building. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remember, remember

Wednesday 22nd March 2017



Children are invited to wear red clothes to school. We will have a variety of red noses on sale in Reception and a box will be available for donations.



The Life Caravan will be with us on **Wednesday 26th April**. All Nursery classes will have a chance to visit the caravan to learn more about how to keep ourselves healthy.



School closes for Easter holiday on Friday 7th April and return on Monday 24th April. We are closed for Bank Holiday Monday on 1st May.